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**Safe-n-Sound™**

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## Convertible Booster Seat for vehicle use.



### Forward Facing

Install with lap or lap-sash seat belt and upper anchorage strap for children 8kg to 18kg with the inbuilt harness straps.

### Forward Facing.

Use as a booster seat with only a lap-sash seat belt for children 14kg to 26kg.

(Also suitable for use with  
Safe-n-Sound Protecta™  
Child Safety Harness  
Series 120)



### INFORMATION FOR BUYERS:

FOR CHILDREN FROM 8kg TO 26 KG.

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YOUR CAR.

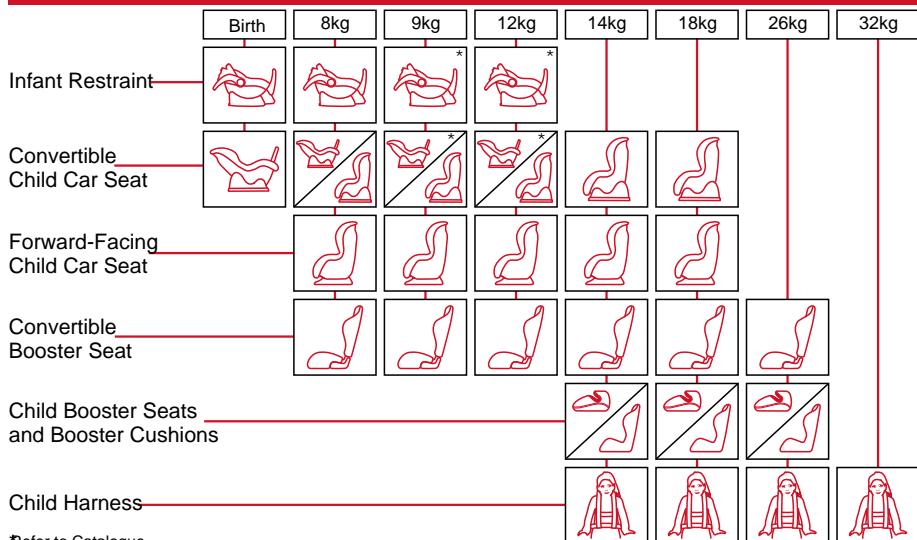
IMPORTANT: KEEP THIS BOOKLET IN THE PLACE  
PROVIDED ON THE CHILD RESTRAINT.

*Instructions for  
Installation & Use*

MAXI RIDER™

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Refer to Catalogue.

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# INTRODUCTION

THE MAXI RIDER™ IS SUITABLE FOR TODDLERS AND OLDER CHILDREN AS A CONVERTIBLE BOOSTER SEAT. THIS CHILD RESTRAINT IS FITTED WITH OUR EXCLUSIVE VERSA-TETHER™ CATCH THAT ALLOWS IT TO USE THE SAFE-N-SOUND PROTECTA™ CHILD SAFETY HARNESS IN BOOSTER SEAT MODE FOR OLDER CHILDREN.

No child restraint can guarantee absolute protection from injury in every crash. However, to ensure that your child gets all the protection designed into the restraint PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY and use only Safe-n-Sound (Britax) recommended parts and accessories.

## GENERAL WARNINGS ALSO SEE WARNINGS ON PAGES 8 AND 16.

Carefully read all the instructions for installation. In the event of doubt about the method of installation, consult Britax childcare or agent or a child restraint fitting station authorized by a relevant transport authority or, in New Zealand, the agent for the vehicle.

**DO NOT USE THIS BOOSTER SEAT IF THE CHILD'S EYE LEVEL IS ABOVE THE TOP OF THE BOOSTER SEAT BACK WHEN THE CHILD IS SEATED.**

**DO NOT USE THIS RESTRAINT IF THE CHILD'S EYE LEVEL IS ABOVE THE TOP OF THE CAR SEAT BACK OR HEADREST WHEN THE CHILD IS SEATED ON THE CHILD RESTRAINT.**

**THIS RESTRAINT MUST BE ATTACHED TO A CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE POINT IN THE CAR. REFER TO CAR OWNER'S HANDBOOK FOR LOCATION OF ANCHORAGE POINTS. REFER TO A CHILD RESTRAINT FITTING STATION IF NO ANCHORAGE POINTS ARE IN THE MOTOR CAR.**

If your vehicle is not fitted with an anchor point, please contact a Safety Restraint Fitting Station authorised by the relevant State Government Body for correct fitment of the restraint. In New Zealand contact the agent for the vehicle. The upper anchorage strap must be attached to an anchorage point using an extension strap if necessary.

Do not use seat belt extenders, even if the car seat belt is not long enough to secure the child restraint.

Supervision of children is needed because they may be able to undo buckles and adjusters. Use the restraint exactly as shown in the instructions.

**DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN THE CAR.**

Do not alter or modify this restraint, repairs must only be done by the manufacturer or agent.

Do not allow the restraint to come into contact with polishes, oils, bleach and other chemicals.

Destroy the restraint if it has been in a severe crash, even if no damage is visible.

**DO NOT USE THIS RESTRAINT WITHOUT THE COVER.**

Regularly check the restraint components, straps and other fitments for correct function and condition. Seek prompt repair.

**DO NOT USE CHILD RESTRAINTS IN A SEATING POSITION WHERE AN AIRBAG IS FITTED. FOLLOW THE CAR MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Straps may be damaged by unsecured cargo in a collision. Secure or remove hazardous cargo before using this restraint. HATCH-BACK OR WAGON: Do not use the child restraint where this strap may fall into a split in the seat back.

Protect all webbing from abrasion and cutting by sharp corners and edges.

The restraint should not be purchased or sold as a second hand item. It is recommended not to use child restraints older than 10 years as the protection in an accident may be reduced.

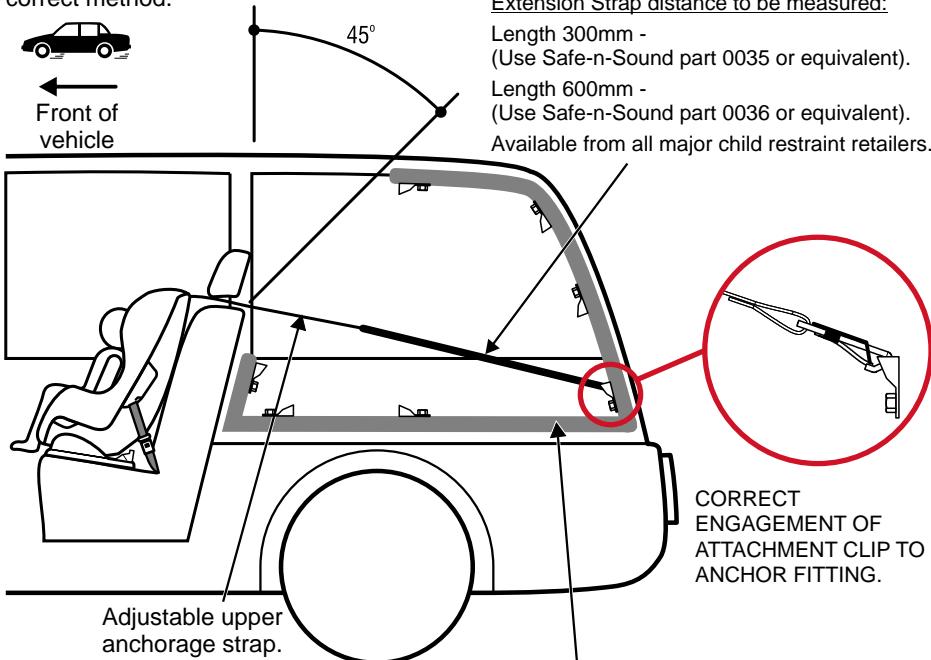
Consult the vehicle owner's handbook for location of anchor fittings or anchorage points and the possible use of spacers. Some vehicles may have an anchor fitting fitted by the vehicle manufacturer. If anchorage points cannot be found refer to car manufacturer or local child restraint fitting station or traffic authority for optimum position of anchorage point and the use of spacers.

## UPPER ANCHORAGE STRAP

**⚠️ IMPORTANT WARNING: THE ATTACHMENT CLIP COVER MUST ALWAYS BE USED AS IT PREVENTS THE RISK OF INCORRECT FITMENT OF THE ATTACHMENT CLIP TO THE ANCHOR FITTING. ALWAYS ENSURE THAT THE ATTACHMENT CLIP IS CORRECTLY ENGAGED TO THE ANCHOR FITTING AND NOT HOOKED OR FITTED TO ANY OTHER OBJECT BEFORE EACH USE OF THE RESTRAINT. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN VEHICLES SUCH AS STATION WAGONS, VANS, HATCH BACKS OR VEHICLES WITHOUT A FIXED PARCEL SHELF, SINCE THE ANCHOR POINT IS USUALLY NOT VISIBLE.**

### IMPORTANT INSTALLATION NOTE:

In some vehicles the anchor fitting in the rear vertical panel can only be installed in one way. Please refer to vehicle owner's handbook or a child restraint fitting station for correct method.



The shaded areas of this diagram illustrate the possible locations of the anchor fitting. Within each shaded area is an anchor fitting showing the correct way to install the fitting. Ensure the anchor fitting is aligned as illustrated unless stated otherwise in the vehicle owner's handbook.

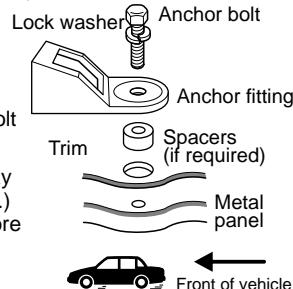
# PRE-INSTALLATION

## ANCHOR FITTING:

**WARNING:** CHILD RESTRAINTS MUST NOT BE ATTACHED TO UNSOUND METAL OR TO WOOD, OR SYNTHETIC STRUCTURES. WHEN DRILLING 9 MM HOLE DO NOT DRILL THROUGH FUEL LINES, FUEL TANKS, ELECTRICAL WIRING, OR RADIO SPEAKERS. WEBBING STRAPS MUST BE PROTECTED FROM SHARP CORNERS AND EDGES. THE ANCHOR FITTING MUST BE USED ONLY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. IT MUST NOT BE HOOKED ONTO ANY OTHER OBJECT.

If the car is fitted with child restraint anchorage point...

Locate the anchorage point behind the rear seating position to be used. Consult the car owners handbook for the location of the anchorage points. The anchorage point should be directly behind and central to the restraint. Remove thread plug from the parcel shelf, floor/roof, etc. and install anchor bolt and fitting as shown right.



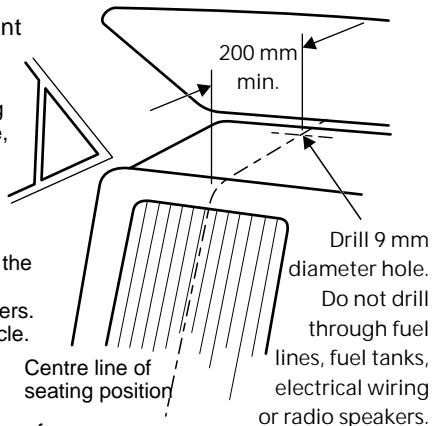
CAUTION: Do not overtighten anchor bolt. Overtightening may fracture or break bolt. Maximum torque is 20 N.m. (14.75 ft.lb.)

Note: Minimum of five full turns of anchor bolt is required before tightening force is applied. Do not overtighten.

If the car is not fitted with child restraint anchorage points...

For Sedans only - Drill 9mm diameter hole in the parcel shelf on the centreline of the seating position as shown right. Before drilling the hole, check the underside for accessibility.

For vehicles other than Sedans - In Australia, consult your nearest child restraint fitting station or traffic authority for vehicle inspection to find the best, correct position for the placement of the anchorage point, and for the correct attachment bolt length and use of spacers. In New Zealand, consult the agent for the vehicle.



Note to Queensland purchasers: The installation of anchorage points must be approved by authorised officers appointed by Queensland Transport. Authorised officers can be sourced from all Queensland Transport Customer Service and Queensland Ambulance Service Centres.

ONLY USE A 5/16 UNC GRADE 5 BOLT.  
IF THE BOLT IS NOT THE CORRECT LENGTH THE CAR MANUFACTURER'S HAND BOOK CAN PROVIDE ADVICE ON THE CORRECT LENGTH BOLT.



## INSTALLATION AND USE OF RESTRAINT

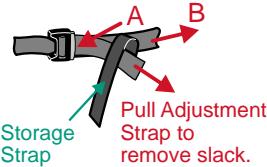
For Toddler Use Pages 7-14.

For Child Use Pages 15-26.

## TO REMOVE RESTRAINT FROM VEHICLE

- A. Disengage seat belt tongue from buckle and remove from restraint.
- B. Fully press Upper Anchorage Strap Adjuster Button (A) while pulling Upper Anchorage Strap (B) to slacken as shown right. In some vehicles loosening of the Upper Anchorage Strap may be difficult. If so, try pushing the restraint against the vehicle seat back or slightly lifting the restraint to release the tension.
- C. Disengage Attachment Clip from Anchor Fitting. The child restraint is now disconnected.

Fully press Adjuster Button (A) while pulling Upper Anchorage Strap (B) to lengthen.

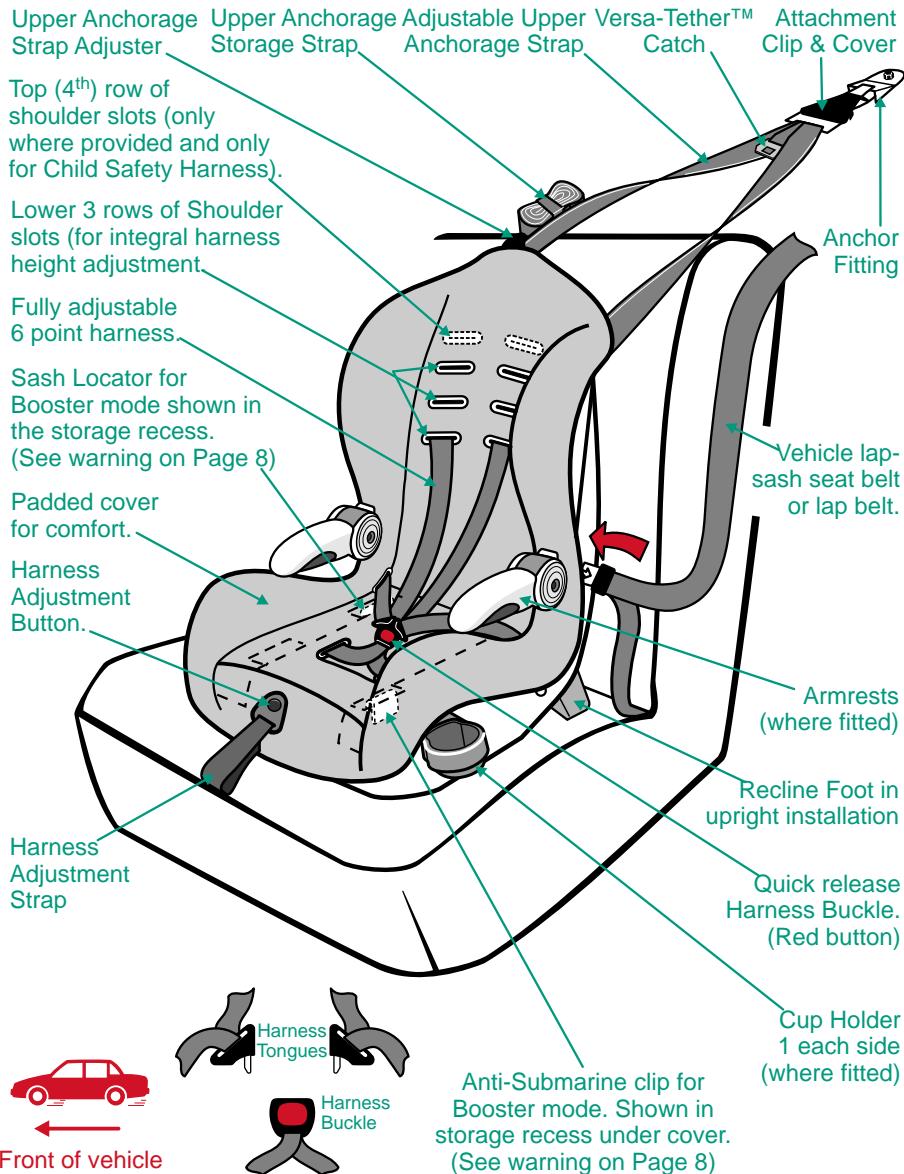


# SPECIAL FEATURES - TODDLER RESTRAINT

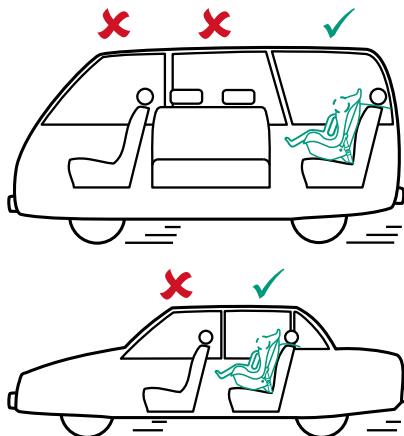
FOR  
TODDLER  
USE



To be used only in a forward-facing position for a child weighing from 8 kg to 18 kg.



TO BE USED WITH A LAP-SASH OR LAP ONLY SEAT BELT IN THE FRONT OR BACK OF MOST CARS WITH FORWARD-FACING SEATS.



To be used only in a forward-facing position for a child weighing from 8 kg to 18kg.



8 kg minimum.  
18 kg maximum.

## WARNINGS

Fit the restraint firmly to the car seat and then fit the harness firmly to the child.

A loose restraint or harness is dangerous.

Do not use in a front seat, unless it has a child restraint anchorage point ie: utilities.

Do not use the restraint without the Upper Anchorage Strap correctly attached.

Do not use on any vehicle seat which faces sideways or rearwards.

**DO NOT USE A CHILD RESTRAINT IN A SEATING POSITION WHERE AN AIRBAG IS FITTED.  
FOLLOW THE CAR MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**THIS RESTRAINT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE IN A HATCHBACK OR WAGON WHERE THE ANCHORAGE STRAP MAY FALL INTO A SPLIT IN THE SEAT BACK.**

**IMPORTANT:** Use lap or lap-sash seat belt and upper anchorage strap to attach the child restraint to the vehicle seat.

Ensure that the Sash Locator strap is stored in the recess under the cover to avoid injury or discomfort to the child.

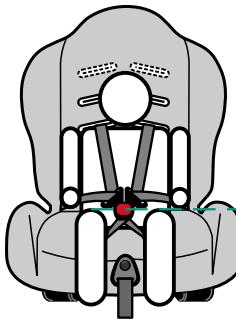
Ensure that the Anti-Submarine clip is stored in the recess under the cover when the seat is used in Toddler mode, to avoid injury or discomfort.

**NOTE:** Some versions of the Maxi Rider have been provided with an extra (4th) row of shoulder slots, which are only available for use if there are matching slots in the trim (cover). These extra slots are only for use with the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness and should not be used for the integral Harness.

## ADJUSTING THE BUCKLE POSITION



BUCKLE POSITION  
TOO HIGH



BUCKLE POSITION  
OK



Centre of button on buckle, level with top of child's legs (with all slack removed from crotch strap.)



**IMPORTANT:** You must adjust the crotch strap to the correct length for your child before installing the restraint as it cannot be adjusted in the car. The crotch strap should only be extended if the harness tongues are located low against your child's legs, thus creating discomfort.

Always return the crotch strap to its original shorter length when using the seat with a smaller child.

The buckle should always be positioned low down on your child's body.

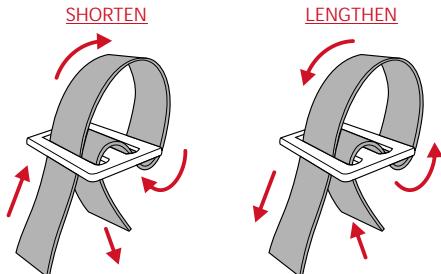
DO NOT attempt to remove the crotch strap from the adjuster. Adjustment is made by feeding the crotch strap through the adjuster as shown and does not need to be removed from the seat.

## SETTING UP THE HARNESS

- Sit the restraint against a wall for stability and get the child to sit comfortably in position.
- Determine the desired shoulder strap position and buckle position.
- Remove the child and adjust the buckle strap and shoulder straps using the following methods.
- Repeat steps A & B to confirm the correct set-up of the built-in harness.

## ADJUSTING THE CROTCH BUCKLE STRAP LENGTH

- Adjust the crotch buckle to the correct position for your child. It should be kept as low as possible to keep the lap straps fully engaged over the hips. Ensure that the harness tongues do not push into your child's thighs as this will cause discomfort.
- To change the length of the crotch strap, thread through the adjuster in the direction of the arrows shown.

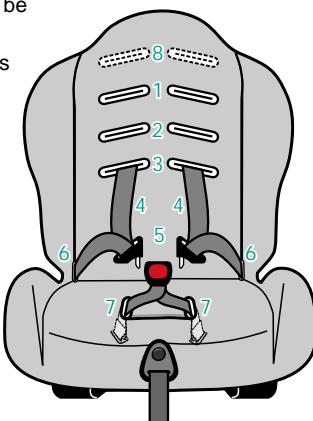
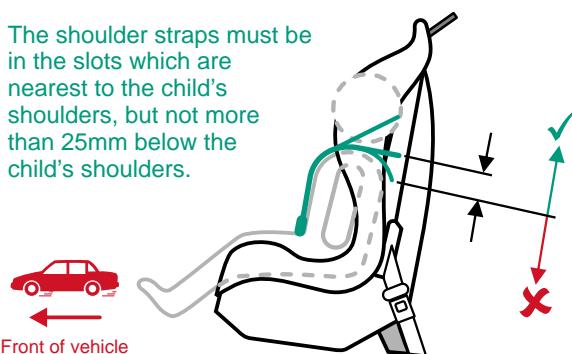


## ADJUSTING SHOULDER HARNESS STRAPS HEIGHT

Correct fitment of the harness is very important as it restrains the child in the restraint. The harness must fit firmly around the upper torso of the child and be positioned so as to leave the child's arms and legs free.

**FOR TODDLER USE:** The shoulder straps must be in the slots which are nearest to the child's shoulders, but not more than 25mm below the child's shoulders. If when in the top slots, the harness straps are more than 25mm below the level of the child's shoulders or child weighs more than 18kg, then the child is too large for the harness straps and the restraint should be now used as a booster. (Booster Mode - see pages 15 onwards).

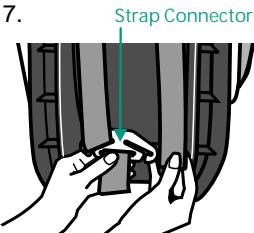
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1. Upper shoulder strap slots.
2. Mid shoulder strap slots.
3. Lower shoulder strap slots.
4. Shoulder harness straps.
5. Harness tongues & buckle.
6. Lap strap slots.
7. Crotch strap slots.
8. Top (4<sup>th</sup>) row of shoulder slots (only where provided and only for Child Safety Harness).

## STEPS IN CHANGING SHOULDER STRAP SLOTS

- A. Remove the restraint from vehicle as instructed on page 7.
- B. At the rear of the restraint, remove one of the harness shoulder straps from metal Strap Connector by slipping strap through open slot. The metal Strap Connector is shown in diagram right.
- C. From the front, pull the shoulder strap out through shoulder slot.
- D. Insert shoulder strap through restraint slot which will position shoulder strap level with or above the child's shoulder, shown above. Ensure that the Shoulder strap passes through matching slots in cover and restraint body.
- E. Ensure there are no twists in the harness strap and the buckle tongues face the correct way.
- F. Connect shoulder strap to metal strap connector at rear of restraint.
- G. Repeat for other shoulder strap. It is better to change one strap at a time so that the other strap will be a guide for re-assembly.

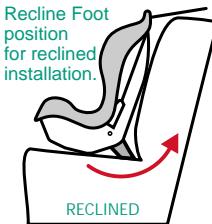


**WARNING:** Do not use the restraint with harness shoulder straps set at different heights or fed through mis-matching slots. Ensure harness straps are not twisted and that all straps are secure by pulling each harness strap.

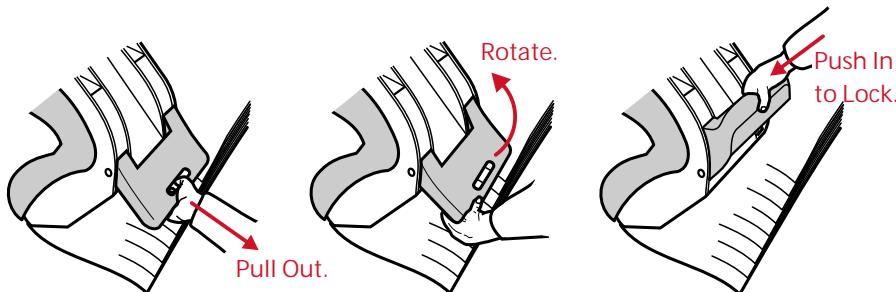


## INSTALLING INTO VEHICLE (FORWARD FACING) (UPRIGHT OR RECLINED)

A. Determine whether an upright or reclined installation is preferred as shown right.

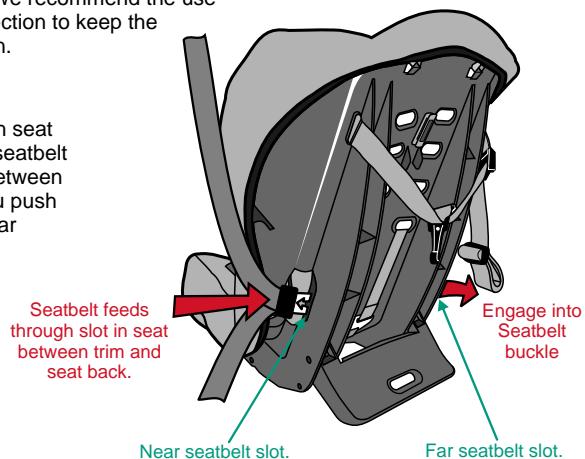


B. To move the Recline Foot from upright to reclined mode or vice versa. Pull the Foot outwards to unlock it, then rotate the foot. Push to lock in place. See diagrams below.



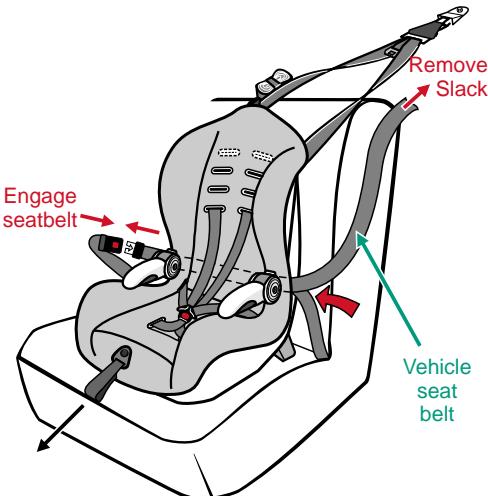
C. Position restraint centrally to the chosen position in forward facing mode and align restraint centrally to the chosen seating position as shown on page 14. Some vehicle seat fabrics (particularly velours) may be damaged by a child restraint used continuously. We recommend the use of a thick towel or other protection to keep the vehicle seat in good condition.

D. Fully lengthen lap or lap sash seat belt and insert through near seatbelt slot. Ensure the seatbelt is between the trim and seat back as you push the seatbelt out through the far seatbelt slot.

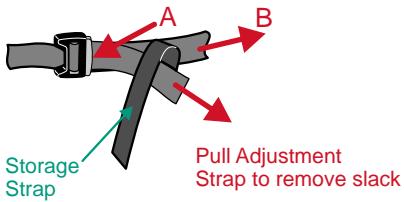


**E.** Engage car seat belt buckle and tongue. Push down on the restraint while pulling on the lap portion to remove all slack from the belt. Then, pull the remaining slack in the sash belt and allow excess belt to feed back into the retractor.

NOTE: Some vehicle seats have more rearward slope than others. Use a rolled up towel or padding under the seat for contoured vehicle seats to prevent excessive recline.



**F.** To lengthen the Upper Anchorage Strap, fully press Adjuster Button (A) while pulling Upper Anchorage Strap (B) to slacken as shown below.



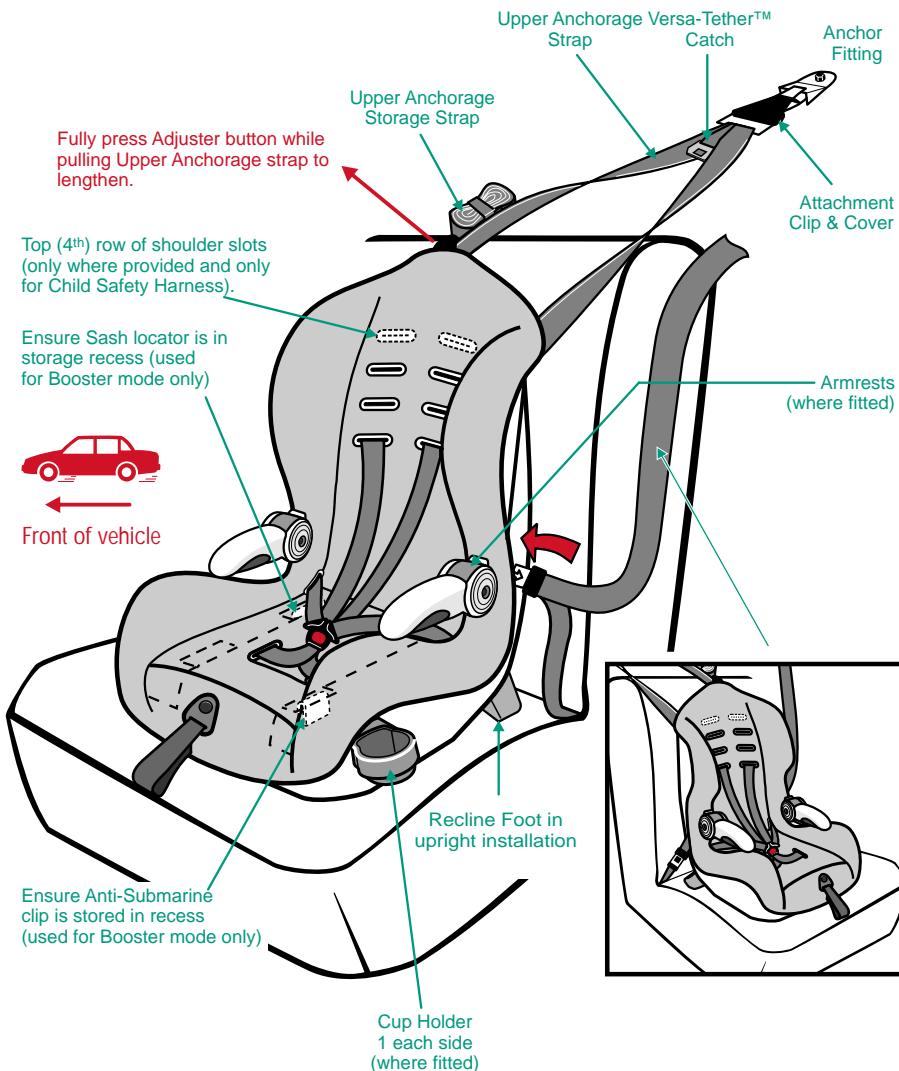
**G.** Fit the Attachment Clip to the Anchor Fitting making sure to remove as many twists as possible.



**H.** Pull Upper Anchorage Adjustment Strap to remove slack. Fold up excess strap and use storage strap to neatly store excess strap behind seat. See illustration on following page.

# HOW TO INSTALL

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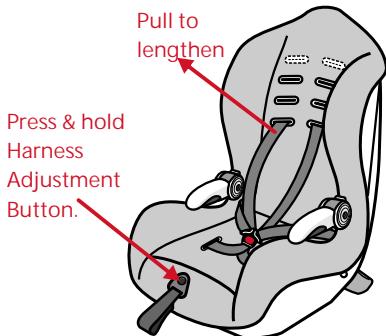


**IMPORTANT:** Always ensure that the seat belt is correctly restraining the restraint on the vehicle seat.

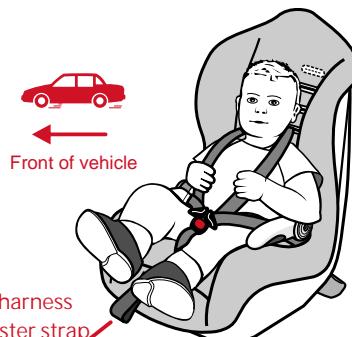
Make sure Cup Holders (If fitted) do not interfere with closure of the car door.

## PLACING TODDLER IN THE RESTRAINT

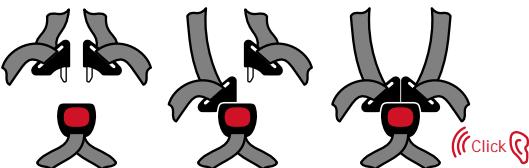
A. Lengthen harness by pressing Harness Adjustment button while pulling on either shoulder strap until the harness will accommodate the child.



B. Place child in the restraint and feed each arm through shoulder straps. Pull harness buckle up between child's legs.

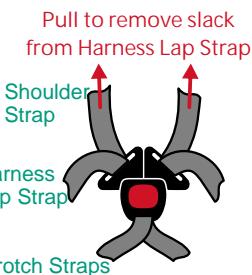


C. Fit either harness buckle tongues into the harness buckle followed by the other tongue until a click is heard. Should the second tongue not insert - press the red button and reinsert the tongues. Ensure secure engagement by pulling harness straps.



D. Ensure slack is removed from harness lap strap by pulling shoulder straps then pull harness adjustment strap to adjust harness to a comfortable but firm fit. Ensure that any slack in harness straps is removed. Shoulder Harness Straps must fit firmly to the child. A loose harness could result in serious injury in an accident.

Do not use restraint if straps do not tighten and contact your local authorised service agent for repair.



## TO REMOVE TODDLER

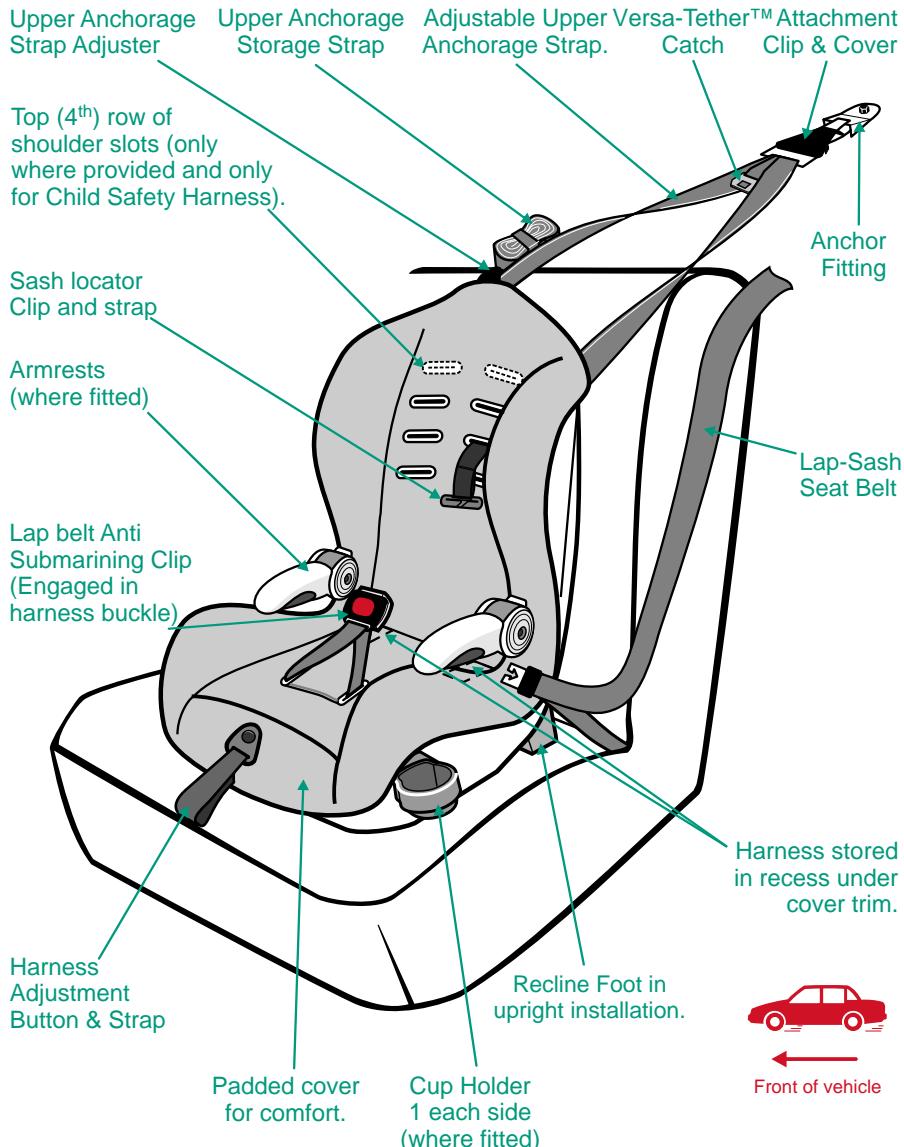
Press red button on harness buckle then both harness tongues will be released. Lift the shoulder straps from the child's shoulders.

# SPECIAL FEATURES - CHILD BOOSTER

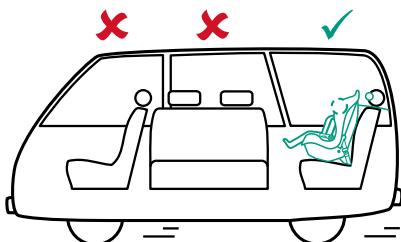
FOR  
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To be used only with a lap-sash seat belt or with a seat belt and child harness for a child weighing from 14kg to 26kg.



THIS RESTRAINT MUST BE USED IN CARS WITH FORWARD-FACING SEATS WITH A LAP-SASH SEAT BELT OR WITH A SEAT BELT AND CHILD HARNESS.



To be used only with a lap-sash seat belt or with a seat belt and child harness for a child weighing from 14kg to 26kg.



14 kg minimum.  
26 kg maximum.

## WARNINGS

CAUTION: Upper anchorage strap must be used and properly connected at all times.

SUITABLE FOR USE WITH SAFE-N-SOUND PROTECTA™ CHILD SAFETY HARNESS. Not suitable for use with any other child safety harness.

DO NOT USE WITH JUST A LAP BELT. You must use with a lap-sash belt or with a seat belt and child harness. If used with a child harness, the lap strap of the seat belt must be adjusted firmly first and then the harness, so that the lap strap is not lifted off the child's lap when the harness is adjusted.

Do not use with the integral harness when in booster mode (between 14 to 26kg). This built in harness must be stored.

Do not use the restraint without the Upper Anchorage Strap correctly attached.

Do not use with just a lap seat belt.

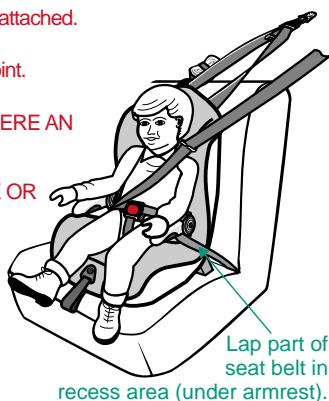
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Do not use on any vehicle seat which faces sideways or rearwards.

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THIS RESTRAINT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE IN A HATCHBACK OR WAGON WHERE THE ANCHORAGE STRAP MAY FALL INTO A SPLIT IN THE SEAT BACK.

IMPORTANT: Use lap-sash seat belt to hold the child to the restraint. Attach the upper anchorage strap. Do not use the inbuilt harness straps attached to the restraint.





## CONVERTING INTO CHILD BOOSTER

To use this child restraint as a booster seat the harness needs to be stored under the cover.

Upper anchorage strap must be used in booster position.

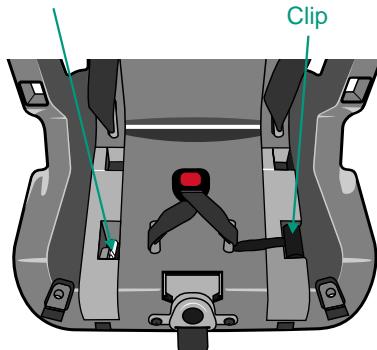
Do not disengage the upper anchorage strap from the anchor fitting.

Disengage and remove the seat belt from the restraint.

## STORING ACCESSORIES IN SEAT RECESS

When used as a Booster seat, the accessories for child use are found in storage recesses under the cover, as shown below.

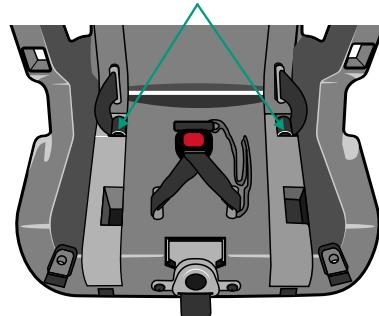
Sash Locator



TODDLER USE

Anti-Submarining Clip

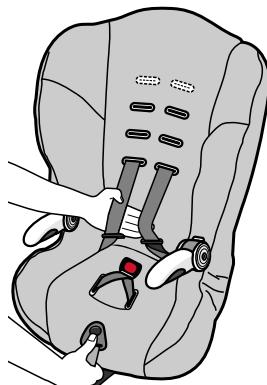
Place rolled-up Harness Strap and Harness Tongue in recess



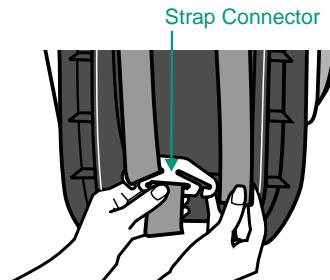
CHILD USE with Anti-Submarining Clip and Sash Locator

## STORING THE HARNESS

A. Disengage harness buckle. Fully lengthen the harness by pressing the Harness Adjustment Button and pulling the harness shoulder straps.

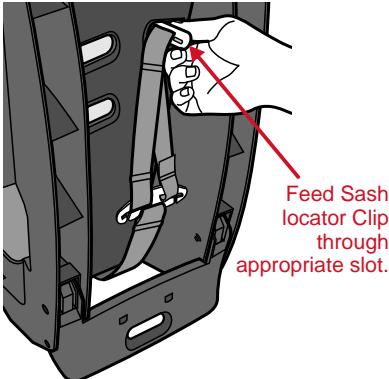
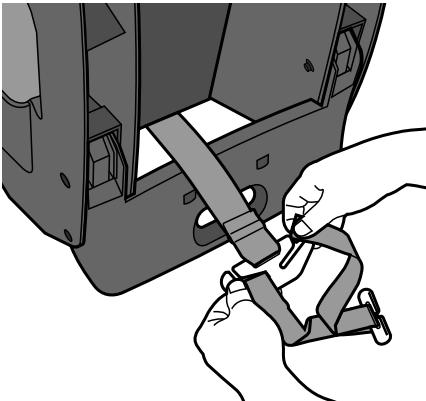


B. At the rear of the restraint, remove both of the harness shoulder straps from metal Strap Connector by slipping strap through open slot. The metal Strap Connector is shown in diagram below.

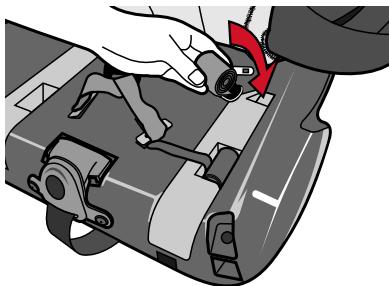
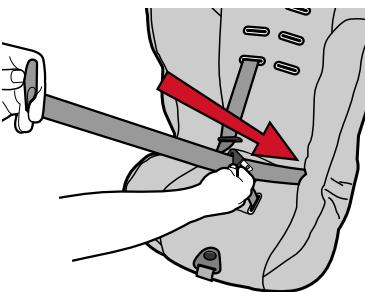


Strap Connector

- C. Pull the shoulder straps through slots in the seat back.
- D. Remove the Elastic loops holding the cover in place at the lower front of the seat. Lift the cover to expose the storage inserts in the seat base.
- E. Remove Sash Locator strap and clip from storage recess and attach to the strap connector plate as shown below (Make sure straps are not twisted).
- F. Then thread the sash guide through the shoulder strap slot nearest your seat belt.



- G. Feed the straps with harness buckle tongues through the bottom rear of the seat cover. Roll up the harness straps with harness buckle tongue and place them into the left and right rear recess in the seat base (underneath the cover).



- H. Remove Anti Submarine Clip from storage recess and engage into harness buckle. See page 20.
- I. Adjust the crotch strap length if necessary. See page 19.
- J. Align cover and re-engage elastic loops at the front of the cover.
- K. Store shoulder pads (if fitted) in a safe place, for future use.



## SETTING UP THE BUCKLE AND SASH GUIDE POSITIONS

- A. Sit the restraint against a wall for stability and get the child to sit comfortably in position.
- B. Determine the desired buckle position.
- C. Determine the correct shoulder slot for the sash guide.
- D. Remove the child and adjust the buckle strap using the following method.
- E. Repeat steps A & B to confirm the correct set-up of the buckle.



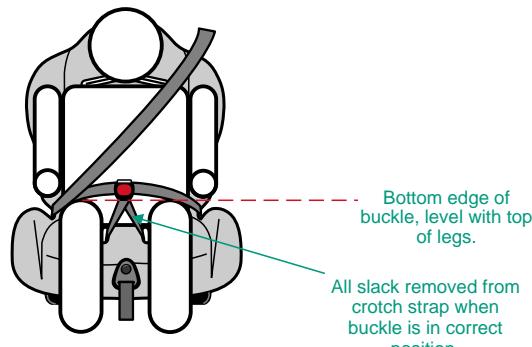
**IMPORTANT:** You must adjust the crotch strap to the correct length for your child before installing the restraint as it cannot be adjusted in the car.

The crotch strap should only be extended if the buckle and Anti-Submarine clip are located too low against your child's legs, causing discomfort.

Always return the crotch strap to its original shorter length when using the seat with a smaller child.

The buckle/Anti-Submarine Clip should always be positioned low down on your child's body.

DO NOT attempt to remove the crotch strap from the adjuster. Adjustment is made by feeding the crotch strap through the adjuster as shown on page 9.

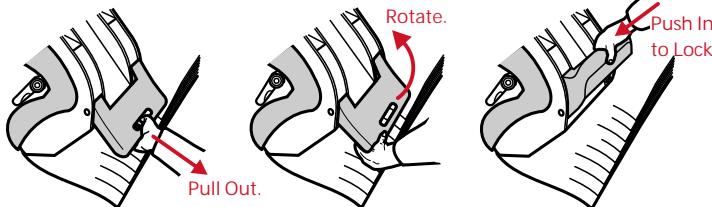


## PLACING CHILD IN THE RESTRAINT

### USING LAP SASH SEAT BELT & UPPER ANCHORAGE STRAP ENGAGED

A. Determine whether an upright or reclined installation is preferred as shown below.

B. To move the Recline Foot from reclined to upright mode or vice versa pull the Foot outwards to unlock it, then rotate the foot. Push to lock in place. Swing the seat back until it sits firmly on the vehicle seat.



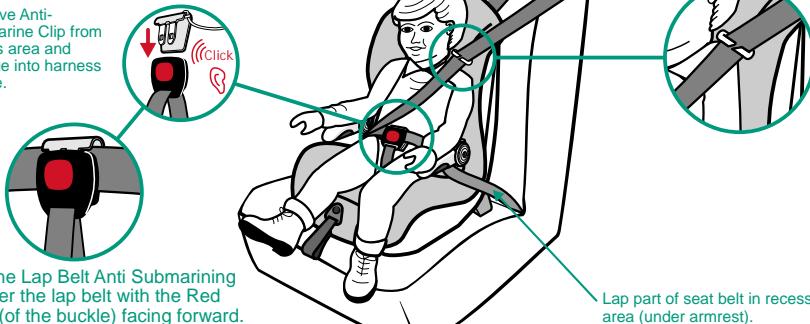
C. The restraint is now ready for use as a child booster, ensure the upper anchorage strap is still engaged (refer to page 6) into the anchor fitting and remove slack if necessary. Do not overtighten causing the restraint to lift.

D. Sit the child on the restraint.

E. Position the lap-sash belt over the child ensuring the lap portion is positioned into the lap recess area under the armrest. Fit the Anti Submarining Clip to the lap belt as shown below. It is recommended that the lap belt Anti-submarining Clip (if fitted) should be used at all times in Booster mode, to help prevent your child from submarining in the event of an impact.

F. Engage seat belt buckle and tongue ensuring there are no twists in the belt. If the seat belt buckle is adjustable, adjust the buckle as low as possible away from the child.

Remove Anti-Submarine Clip from recess area and engage into harness buckle.



NOTE: Some vehicle seats have more rearward slope than others. Use a rolled up towel or padding under the seat for contoured vehicle seats to prevent excessive recline.



- G. The Sash locator must be used to position the sash portion of the lap-sash seat belt across the child's shoulders and chest. Choose the shoulder harness nearest to the shoulder height of the child.
- H. Pull sash locator through back of the restraint and then feed it back into your chosen slot position nearest the sash of the seat belt.
- I. Connect the sash of the seat belt to the sash locator clip at shoulder height.
- J. Adjust lap and sash portion of seat belt firmly but comfortably across the child's lap and chest and then pull the harness adjustment strap to move sash guide so that the guide sits comfortably over your child's shoulder.
- K. If using the Inertia Reel Retractor seat belt, adjust the lap portion of the seat belt firmly around the child and restraint, then let the slack sash portion retract up into the sash retractor.
- L. If possible, adjust the vehicle seat to improve the position of the sash on the child's chest.
- M. When not using the restraint, secure in position by engaging the seat belt over the seat.

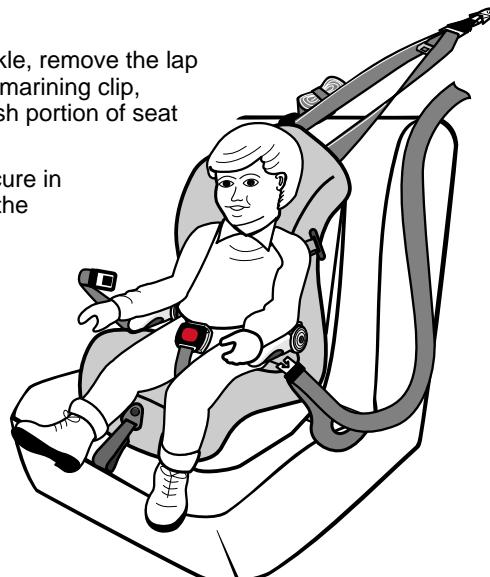
**IMPORTANT:** If fitted, the Anti-Submarining clip should be used when the child is using the Booster Seat. Always ensure the seat belt is correctly restraining the child on the restraint.

## TO REMOVE CHILD

Disengage seat belt tongue and buckle, remove the lap portion of seat belt from the Anti Submarining clip, remove the sash locator from the sash portion of seat belt and remove belt from child.

When Booster is not being used, secure in position, by engaging seat belt over the booster seat.

**NOTE:** Do not use this Booster Seat if the child's eye level is above the top of the Booster Seat back or vehicle headrest (which ever is highest) when the child is seated.



## USING LAP SASH BELT & PROTECTA™ CHILD SAFETY HARNESS (If supplied)

Store in-built harness as detailed on pages 17-18.

Store Sash Guide in recess under cover.

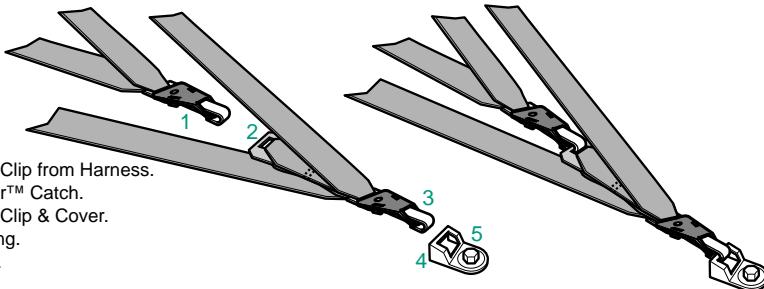
Refer to Protecta™ Child Safety Harness (Series 120) instructions for full details of using and installing the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness. When installing the harness into the vehicle, connect the upper anchorage strap to the Versa-Tether™ Catch on the Maxi Rider™ upper tether strap (as shown below).

Use the extension strap supplied for all other instances to attach the harness to anchor points in the luggage area such as the vehicle floor or ceiling.

Not suitable for other styles of child safety harnesses.

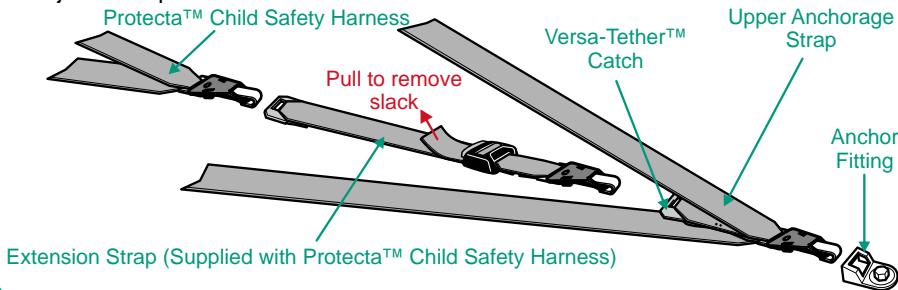
## INSTALLING PROTECTA™ CHILD SAFETY HARNESS INTO VEHICLE

Hook attachment clip of Harness (1) onto Versa-Tether™ Catch (2). Then hook attachment clip (3) onto anchor fitting. Ensure that none of the straps are twisted or catching on sharp edges.



## INSTALLING PROTECTA™ CHILD SAFETY HARNESS WITH EXTENSION STRAP INTO VEHICLE

Hook the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness first onto the extension strap catch, then hook the extension strap hook onto the Versa-Tether™ Catch on the Maxi Rider™ upper anchorage strap as shown below. Ensure that none of the straps are twisted or catching on sharp edges. Tighten Maxi Rider™ Upper anchorage strap (refer to page 12) then remove excess slack from the extension strap by pulling the adjuster strap as illustrated below.





## CHOOSING METHOD OF INSTALLATION

The Protecta™ Child Safety Harness can be installed using either of the following methods.

**METHOD 1 :** Using a lap sash seat belt in conjunction with Gated Slide provided to convert to lap belt plus upper anchorage strap.

**METHOD 2 :** Using lap seat belt plus upper anchorage strap.

Before installing the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness determine which method of installation is required and follow instructions carefully.

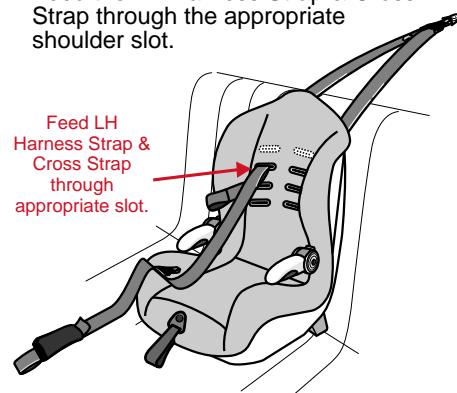
**NOTE:** If fitted, the Anti-Submarining clip should be used when the child is using the booster seat with the child harness.

When using the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness, ensure the 'built-in' shoulder harness is rolled up and stored in the recesses under the cover. Refer to pages

17-18 on storing the harness. If the Anti-Submarining clip (if fitted) is not being used, then it, and the crotch buckle must also be stored in the recesses under the cover. Roll up the metal connector and tuck it into the recess in the recline foot at the back of the seat.

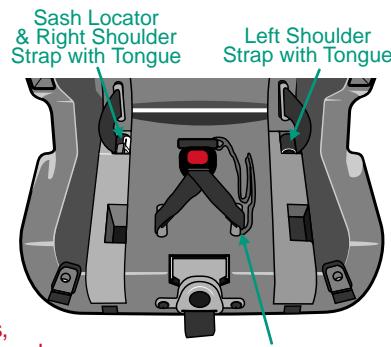
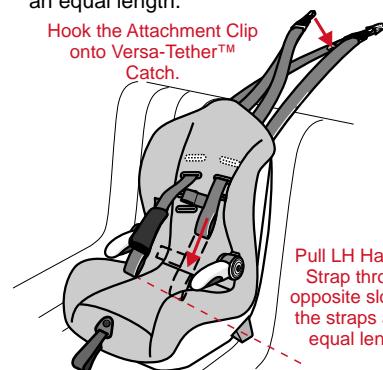
**Important Note:** Some vehicle seat belts are too short and you may experience some difficulty fitting the converted lap-sash around your child. If so, adjust the gated slide nearer to your child, ideally under the armrest and lap belt recess area, (ensure the slide does not touch your child). This should provide more belt length to fit your child, but if the belt still will not fit, try another location in the vehicle, eg. side seat. If the vehicle belts are still too short, then contact the vehicle manufacturer for advice on longer seat belts.

**A. Feed the LH Harness Strap & Cross Strap through the appropriate shoulder slot.**



**B. Pull the LH Harness Strap & Cross Strap through the opposite shoulder slot. Make sure that the Anchor Clip also feeds through to the back of the restraint. Hook the Attachment Clip onto the Harness Catch and ensure that the straps line up to an equal length.**

Hook the Attachment Clip onto Versa-Tether™ Catch.



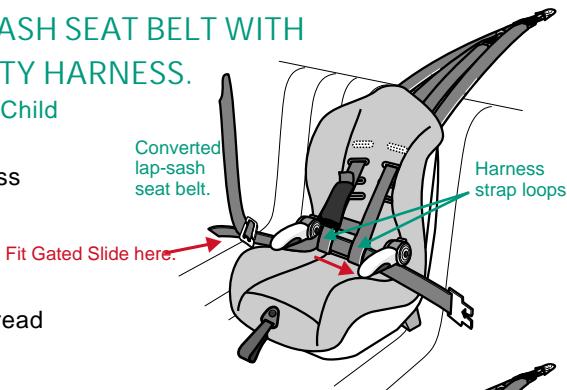
NOTE: Some versions of the Maxi Rider have been provided with an extra (4th) row of shoulder slots, which are only available for use if there are matching slots in the trim (cover). These extra slots are only for use with the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness and should not be used for the integral Harness.

## METHOD 1: USING LAP-SASH SEAT BELT WITH PROTECTA™ CHILD SAFETY HARNESS.

(Using Gated Slide provided with Child Harness.)

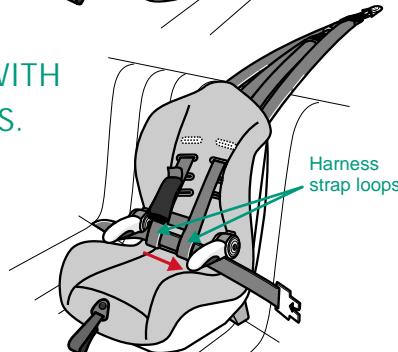
Refer to Protecta™ Child Harness instruction to fit gated slide.

Fit the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness as detailed on page 23. Then connect the cross strap as shown below. Thread the converted lap-sash seat belt through the harness strap loops as shown right.



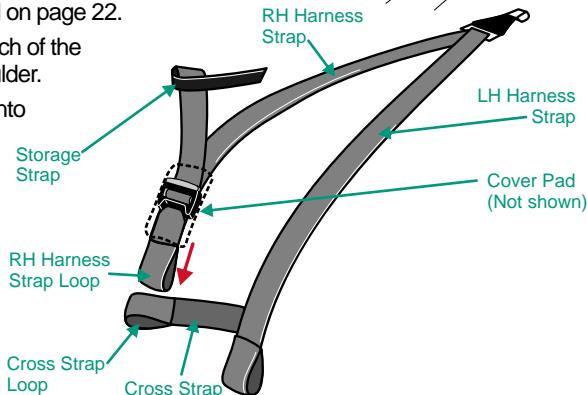
## METHOD 2: USING LAP SEAT BELT WITH PROTECTA™ CHILD SAFETY HARNESS.

Fit the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness as detailed on page 23. Then connect the cross strap as shown below. Thread the lap seat belt through the harness strap loops as shown right.



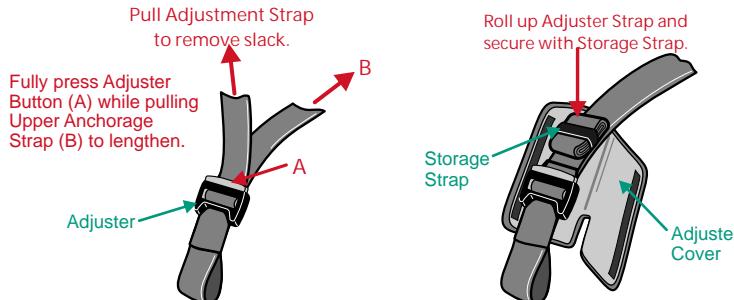
Connect the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness to the Versa-Tether™ Catch as detailed on page 22.

- A. With the child seated, place each of the harness straps over each shoulder.
- B. Feed the RH strap (loop end) into the cross strap loop to connect the two sides.
- C. Feed the adult belt (lap belt or converted lap/sash) through the harness loops, ensuring that the cross strap loop does not disconnect. Also ensure there are no twists in the harness, cross strap and seat belt.





D. Engage the seat belt tongue to the buckle and adjust the seat belt to sit firmly but comfortably around the child's pelvis. The seat belt buckle should be located as low as possible below the child's hip.



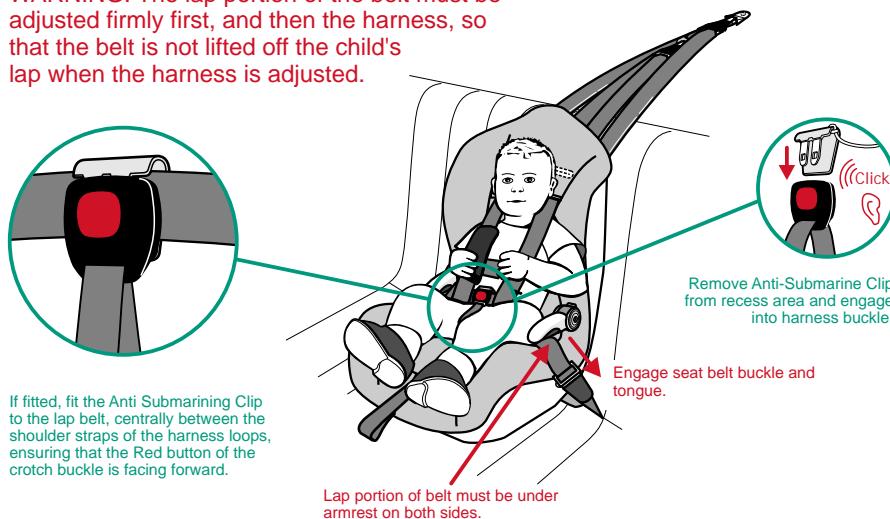
E. With the lap belt (or converted lap/sash) adjusted to be a firm fit on the child's thighs, then adjust the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness to remove all slack in the shoulder straps. Once adjusted, further adjustments are necessary only to the upper extension straps and to accommodate the growth of the child.

Use the reverse procedure to remove the child from the harness.

F. Finally, roll up the free end of the adjuster strap, secure using the storage strap, then place it into the top of the adjuster cover as shown above.

When not in use, the harness may be flipped onto the parcel shelf or disconnected from the anchor fitting and stored.

**WARNING:** The lap portion of the belt must be adjusted firmly first, and then the harness, so that the belt is not lifted off the child's lap when the harness is adjusted.



If fitted, fit the Anti Submarining Clip to the lap belt, centrally between the shoulder straps of the harness loops, ensuring that the Red button of the crotch buckle is facing forward.

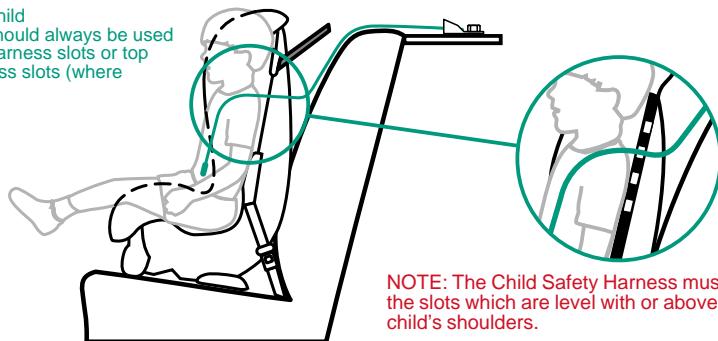


# USING WITH CHILD HARNESS (Not Supplied)

The Protecta™ Child Safety Harness should always be used in either the top harness slots or top child safety harness slots (where provided).



Front of vehicle

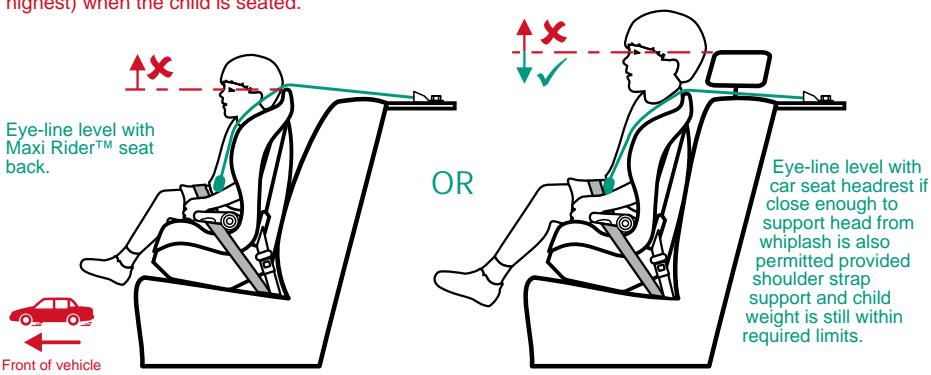


NOTE: The Child Safety Harness must be in the slots which are level with or above the child's shoulders.

## FOR LARGE CHILDREN

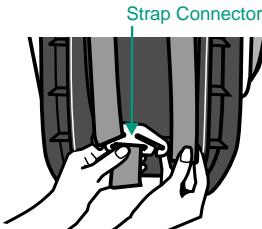
Once your child's shoulders are above the top slots, then it is suitable to use the protecta™ child safety harness over the top of maxi rider™ seat (see below right).

NOTE: Do not use this Booster Seat if the child's eye level is above the top of the Booster Seat back or vehicle headrest (which ever is highest) when the child is seated.



## RESTORING THE RESTRAINT FOR TODDLER USE

- Disengage seat belt tongue from buckle and pull seat belt out of harness strap loops.
- Disconnect the Harness attachment clip from the Versa-Tether™ Catch and feed the LH Harness Strap out the shoulder slot. Pull the RH harness Strap to remove the harness off the seat. (Store the Protecta™ Child Safety Harness in a safe place for later use).
- Remove the built-in harness from the storage recess under the cover. Feed crotch strap and shoulder straps through seat cover.
- Feed shoulder straps through appropriate shoulder slots in the seat back and attach to metal Strap Connector as shown right.

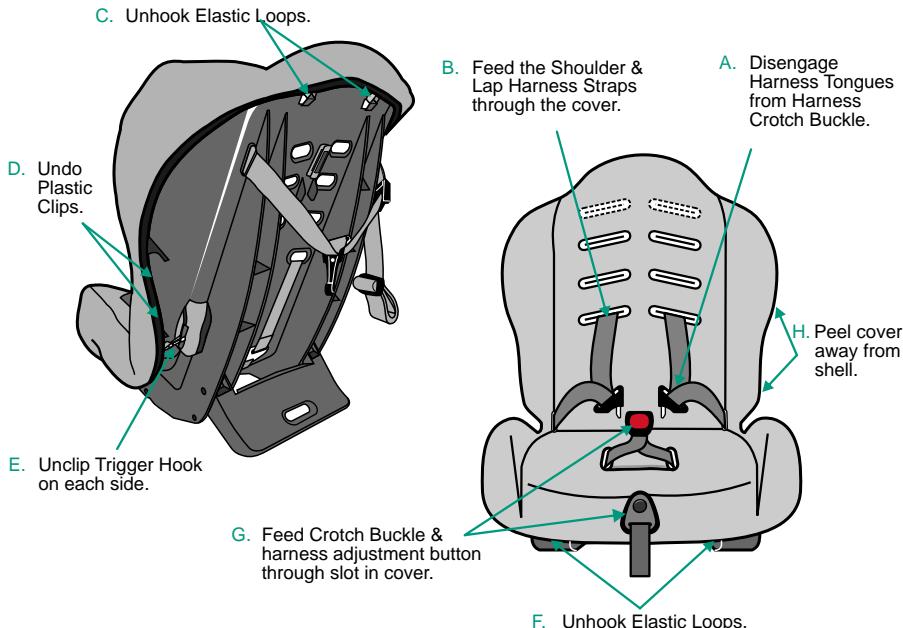


# HOW TO CLEAN

The restraint has a flame retardant cover which is removable for cleaning. Cleaning instructions are on the care label attached to the cover. When washing cover engage hook & loop strips together to eliminate other garments being caught. Ensure to keep strips free of lint to work effectively. Ensure that the inside of the buckle is free of foreign matter. Cleaning instructions for the buckle are on page 28. Use only mild soap and water to clean all metal and plastic parts of the restraint. Do not use chemicals or cleaning agents.

## TO REMOVE COVER

You do not have to remove the shoulder harness assembly from the restraint. However, you do need to disconnect the shoulder harness straps from the metal connector at the back of the restraint (refer to Page 9). Then follow the sequence below A to H to remove the cover.



## TO REPLACE COVER

- Fit cover over restraint starting at top, ensure that both back and bottom elastics are at the back of restraint.
- Align cover over restraint.
- Feed shoulder Harness Straps through matching cover slots on the restraint and re-attach to strap connector at the back of the seat.
- Feed Crotch Buckle through slot in cover.
- Feed Harness Adjustment Button through cutout in cover.
- Re-attach all Plastic Hooks and Elastic Loops as shown above.
- If refitting for child booster fit the cover with the harness in a stored position and feed sash locator strap through appropriate slot, refer to page 21.

# CARE AND MAINTENANCE

## REGULAR CARE OF THIS RESTRAINT:

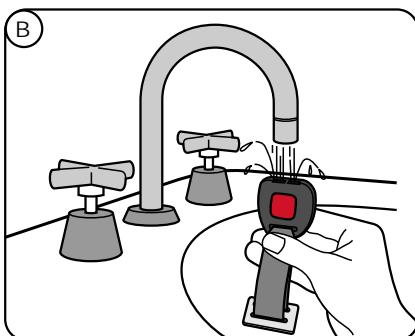
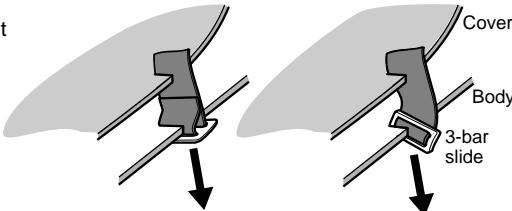
Please check the following items regularly to ensure the safety of your child:

- A. Check the webbing for fraying.
- B. Check that the buckle clicks and is not sluggish or sticky in operation.
- C. Ensure there are no cracks in moulding or the plastic moulding.
- D. Check the Harness Adjuster is operating and is clamping the webbing.
- E. If any part of the restraint is cracked or broken, seek repair immediately or replace the child restraint.

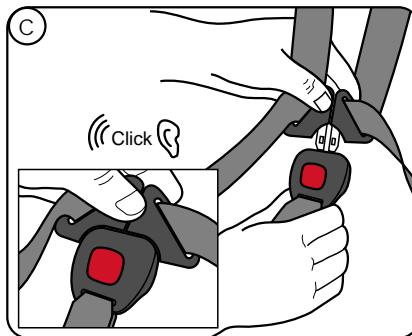
## TO CLEAN HARNESS BUCKLE:

If sticky liquids such as baby formula, fruit juice, etc. get inside your Harness Buckle, it may become sluggish. An indication of a sluggish Harness Buckle is that you cannot hear a click when engaging the Harness Tongues. To restore the Harness Buckle to good working order it needs to be cleaned as follows:

- A. From the underside of the restraint pull each crotch 3-bar slide then turn 3-bar slide and push through each slot to remove the Harness Buckle from the restraint.



Place the Harness Buckle under warm (approx. 40 degrees Celsius) running water as shown below. Let the water run through the mouth of the buckle for five minutes.



Engage and disengage the Harness Tongues and Buckles several times until a strong audible click is heard.

- D. If you still cannot hear a strong audible click after engaging the Harness Tongues & Buckle, then repeat cleaning several times. If the Harness Buckle cannot be returned to its original working condition then contact Safe-n-Sound.
- E. Refit the Harness Buckle to the restraint with the red button facing out & feeding each 3-bar slide through appropriate slot

# ACCESSORIES & FEATURES



## WARNING

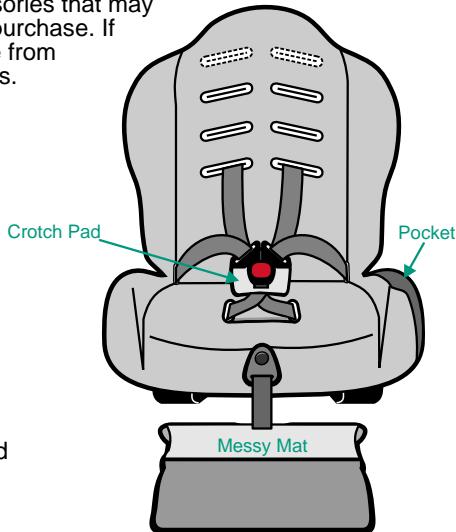
ONLY USE SAFE-N-SOUND SEAT COVERS THAT ARE DESIGNED AND TESTED FOR USE WITH THIS PRODUCT.

The following instructions apply to accessories that may be supplied with this restraint at point of purchase. If not, a variety of accessories are available from various retailers of Safe-n-Sound products.

### POCKET (IF FITTED)

The pocket sewn on the trim is designed for your convenience. It can hold those necessary items that you need at a moments notice. e.g Bottle, face washer, toy etc.

Caution: If using the pocket to store filled bottles, please ensure contents are not contaminated due to prolonged storage.



### CROTCH PAD (IF FITTED)

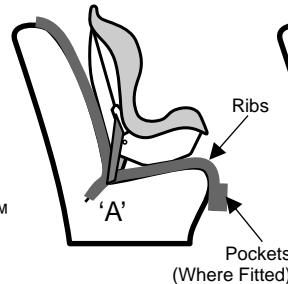
The Crotch Pad is designed to provide extra comfort for baby or child and is fitted to the restraint as follows: Feed Crotch Buckle through the slot in crotch pad as shown.

### MESSY MAT™ SEAT PROTECTOR INSTRUCTIONS (IF SUPPLIED)

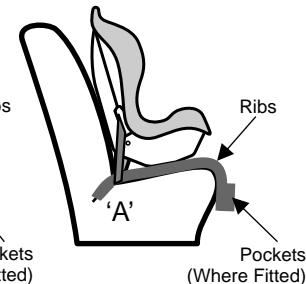
Place ribbed or pocket end of the Messy Mat™ seat protector on edge of car seat, smooth back toward seat join ('A') and fit in any excess Messy Mat™ into the join of the car seat ('A').

Hook and loop attachment referred in some instruction books, are no longer required to fit this model of Messy Mat™ seat protector.

#### Long Messy Mat™



#### Short Messy Mat™



**CAUTION:** The pocket is only for small, light items. DO NOT overload the pocket with heavy, bulky items as this may damage the pocket or cause passengers to trip over them.

### PADDED INSERT (IF FITTED)

The Padded Insert is designed to snugly support the baby for extra comfort. Simply place the padded insert on the restraint between Harness straps and the restraint back. Ensure padded insert is lined up with or below the shoulder straps.

# ACCESSORIES & FEATURES

## SHOULDER PADS (IF FITTED)

Shoulder Pads are designed to provide extra comfort for baby or child and are easily fitted to the shoulder harness straps by:

- A. Pull apart fasteners and remove shoulder pads from harness.
- B. Re-fit shoulder pads to harness and attach fasteners for use.

## COVER (STYLE MAY VARY)

The cover has been designed to protect your child when seated in the restraint. Care should be taken if children either eat or drink while in the restraint as some food or drink products may cause damage or marking to the cover.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not pull sticky items from covers as the cover may be damaged - soak in water and gently remove.

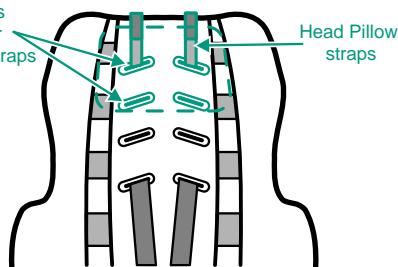
## HEAD PILLOW (IF FITTED)

The Head Pillow is designed to snugly support the toddler or child for extra comfort.

If fitting Head Pillow for toddler use, fit straps through either pair of Upper Shoulder Strap Slots and over the top of the restraint as shown right. Slide Head Pillow up or down to rest above the shoulder strap slots being used.

Head Pillow straps should be over the top of the Restraint and through either pair of top slots.

Upper Slots suitable for Head Pillow straps



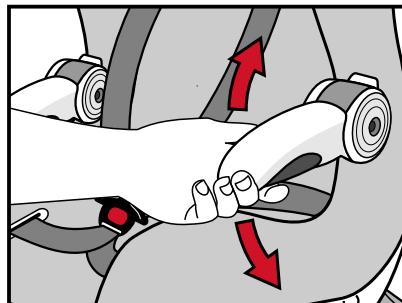
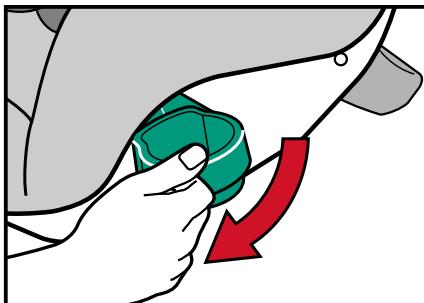
## CUP HOLDERS (IF FITTED)

The Booster Seat has a cup holder on either side of the seat. Swing the cup holder out from the seat to use. Ensure the cup holder and its contents can not be crushed by the car door. Fold away when not in use.

**WARNING:** Only use for holding cups, bottles and drink cartons. Do not use for hot drinks

## ARMREST (IF FITTED)

The armrest can be raised to make it easier to place the child in the seat and can be in the down position when the child is seated and secured.



# IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

If your restraint has been involved in a severe crash, you should destroy the restraint even if no damage is obvious. Some insurance companies offer vehicle insurance which covers or partially covers the replacement of your child restraint. Contact your insurance company for further details.

Your insurance company may require you to keep the child restraint for assessment, **but do not use the child restraint after a severe crash.** To assist you in making an accident insurance claim cut the following statement and include it with your claim.

## NOTICE TO INSURANCE COMPANY CHILD RESTRAINT INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT

All Safe-n-Sound child restraints are manufactured to Australian/New Zealand Standards AS/NZS1754-2004 which require us to advise users of child restraints to "Destroy the entire restraint if it has been in use in a severe crash, even if no damage is obvious". The joint Australian/New Zealand Standards committee CS/85, advise that this statement applies whether a child was in the child restraint or not. A severe crash, we consider as being one where the main body structure of the vehicle is distorted.

There is no method of determining if the restraint has been damaged and we concur with the Australian/New Zealand Standards in recommending destruction of the child restraint.

This notice is to advise you of the requirements of the Australian/New Zealand Standards and our obligation in complying with the standards.

Please assist the owner of this restraint in their claim.

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